

## Locals and Personals

W. B. Hickman is moving into his new house this week.

Frederic Whitney was in Raton yesterday on business.

H. Todd, of Trinidad, was in town Wednesday evening and left Thursday for E-town and Taos.

James Bats, catcher for the Swastika club, is now employed in the yards of the Cimarron Lumber company.

S. E. Pelfrey made a business trip to Koehler Wednesday to look after the contracts of the Cimarron Construction company there.

Mrs. J. W. Records, who is still in Kansas City undergoing treatment for her eyes, is reported as much better and will soon return to Cimarron.

W. B. Hickman, of the Cimarron Lumber company, was very ill Saturday afternoon and Sunday, but was much improved the first of the week.

H. R. Griebel, of the townsite company's office, has been assisting in the office work of the Cimarron Lumber company's office for the past week during the exceptionally heavy business.

Henry Livran has purchased four excellent building lots on Sixth street and will build a handsome home for himself at once. He will also build two convenient cottages for renting.

Geo. H. Webster, of the Uracca ranch, shipped in a car of elegant appearing brood mares from Ft. Collins, Colo., this week. The animals, which were a very handsome lot, attracted considerable attention when they were unloaded.

Stage traffic to Springer has been very light since the building of the Rocky Mountain railroad and it is believed the mail contracts will soon go to the railroad company. The present system is an inconvenience which is felt in business circles.

### Will Locate in Cimarron.

C. O. Wonder, of Ft. Smith, Ark., who has been in town for some time visiting the family of Ira Duckworth, has decided to locate in Cimarron, and will start a confectionery and novelty store and ice cream parlor in the Crocker building on the South Side. Mr. Wonder was for many years prominently connected with the banking and real estate business in Mena, Ark. Since he has been in Cimarron he has become very much interested in the marvelous resources abounding here, and is using a good deal of his time and influence towards interesting his Eastern friends in Cimarron and vicinity. Mr. Wonder has sent several copies of The News and Press to his native state.

### Wants to Go to Her Family.

Mrs. Margerite Cohen, the consumptive who has caused the authorities of Raton, Las Vegas and Albuquerque considerable trouble, and who has been in the latter city for about two weeks past, now wants to return to her husband and babies, according to advices from the Duke city. She is said to be improving in health and states that her only wish now is to see her husband and two children who are in Chicago.

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## Will Build Cold Storage Plant for Cimarron

Work will commence in a short time on a cold storage plant which will prove of great convenience to Cimarron people.

The American Brewing company will at once erect a building 28x36 feet, which will be used as a cold storage warehouse for beer, fruits, etc. Duckworth & Marling, Cimarron agents for the A. B. C. products, will conduct the storage house and will also retail ice to the people of Cimarron. Arrangements are being made for the ice supply from the Crystal Ice company of Raton, and Cimarron users will be assured the best quality of ice.

## Boxing Contest Saturday Night

Considerable interest centers in the boxing contest which will be pulled off Saturday night at Aztec hall.

Ira Duckworth has been selected as referee and he assures the members of the club that the bout will be a clean exhibition of the manly art.

The ring has been prepared in the spacious hall and everything is now in readiness for the go.

The match is between Kid Butler, of Wyoming, and Kid Joy, of Cimarron. Both men are in the best of condition and the local man of course, has a little the best of the betting. The purse hung up is \$100 a side and is to last twenty rounds. The men will fight at 125 pounds. Preparations are being made for a large crowd.

## Mascot for the Athletic Association

About as cute and attractive a mascot as any ball club or athletic association can have was presented to President Whitney of the Cimarron Athletic association last week.

Mason Chase, on his recent trip to Taos, secured a cub bear which he presented to Frederic Whitney, and it is supposed the bear will be given its first lesson in boxing at the contest Saturday night. The new mascot will probably have the place of honor at the ball game Sunday and will likely be a regular attendant at all the games of the Swastika Ball club in the future.

### Foundation Completed.

The foundation is completed for the big store building of the Maxwell Mercantile company, and the carpenter will commence work in a few days. Half a dozen additional workmen were put on the job Wednesday and the force will be augmented as rapidly as men can be secured. The store is to be 40x140 feet, with a gallery which will increase the floor space greatly. The finest stock of goods ever brought to the Southwest is being purchased for the store, and will arrive in time for the summer trade. Manager Livran is a very active man just now, looking after the building and the other work incidental to the establishment of a mammoth mercantile enterprise.

### Spoiling a War Story.

There is a certain war veteran in Boston whom we will call William Brown. He has an honorable record and is fond of relating incidents of the rebellion. He often tells how he got a cut on the head from the sword of a confederate cavalryman. There is a small bare place which he says was the scar of this wound. Many a time we who work in the same office with him have heard this story.

Brown has a brother Charles who came into the office the other day to make a call. Bill was at his desk writing when Charlie walked up behind him and giving him a slap on the shoulder, said jocosely: "Well, Bill, I see you still have that scar on your head where Butler's dog bit you when we were boys!" From that time one of Bill's war stories gets little credence from us.

### New Hampshire Voters.

It was during an election in New Hampshire. Two woodchoppers got on at Wentworth station, and when Conductor Melvin Mann came for the tickets, one of them handed out new bottle book. "Take out for two to Manchester," he said, "and you will please write on a slip of paper the name of the station we got on at. We are woodchoppers, and are going to Massachusetts to vote."

"You are going to vote," was the astonished reply of Conductor Mann, "and you can't remember the station you got on at?"

"No," replied the spokesman, without any signs of embarrassment, "and we can't write, either." The conductor wrote the name of the station on the paper and received the thanks of the two men.

### Definitions in Bohemia.

"Be careful, here comes a grafter," said one as they saw him enter the cafe and glance around over the crowd as if in search of somebody he knew.

"He's not a grafter," said another.

"He's a piker."

"What's the difference?" asked the first.

"A grafter is a man who borrows money," was the answer, "and never pays it back, but a piker is a rung lower on the ladder. He has given up all hope of getting more money, but he'll wait around till you buy him a drink, or he'll take your box of cigarettes when you are not looking and empty half of them into his pocket."

### Careful Bookkeeping.

"You may talk about prompt and careful bookkeeping all you want to," said a Boston man to the writer, "but a case came under my observation a Sunday or two ago which I think is without a parallel. I was attending service at the Mount Vernon church on Beacon street.

"When the contribution box was passed the worshiper sitting next to me put in a coin, and immediately took from his pockets a notebook and a pencil and made a memorandum of the amount, which I could not help seeing without turning my head around, as it was done right under my eyes. His cash account will foot up all right."

### Canadian Refuses Knighthood.

As a rule Canadians have shown some fondness for being knights, but "the pinchbeck title" has no attractions for William S. Fielding, minister of finance for the dominion, who has refused it more than once. "Fact is," says Mr. Fielding, quaintly, "when I receive a bill from my tailor now I can take a little delay in paying it, but if it came addressed to 'Sir William Fielding' I should feel that I could not allow any delay under the altered circumstances."

### A Misleading Sign.

"These signs are certainly misleading. I saw one the other day which said 'Old furs restored,' and when I asked them to restore the set I lost last year they looked at me as if they thought I was crazy."

"Do you know, I had almost a similar experience. I saw a sign 'umbrellas recovered,' and yet when I wanted them to recover that beautiful gold-headed one that was stolen from me they refused to have anything to do with the case!"

### With a Slight Correction.

Miss Peachley (dining at a restaurant)—Auntie, do you see that handsome young man over at the other table drumming on his plate with a fork? Do you suppose he is making those tick-tacks to attract our attention? Chaperon—Yes, dear, but such tactics are rude and boorish. Don't notice him."

### Not the New England Variety.

"O! they're real swell people," said the Chicago man; "an old 'Mayflower' family, I believe."

"You mean their ancestors came over in the Mayflower?" asked the visitor from the East.

"O! no. I mean they made their money in 'Mayflower Hams,' oldest brand o' hams in this section."

### Feather Beds.

Never place feather beds or pillows in the sun, for the sun, acting on the oil in the feathers, is apt to give them a rancid smell. The right plan is to air the beds and pillows on a dry, windy day, in a shady place out of doors.

### High Time.

Mother (to daughter whose father goes around the corner every time she opens the piano)—Emily, you must stop practicing. Your father's nose already shows signs of it.—Translated for "Transatlantic Tales" from Fillegende Blatter.

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### New Club House

### About Completed

The handsome new club house which has been erected on the North Side is about completed and will be ready for occupancy in a week or so. The building will be found a great convenience for the young men of the town.

### Surprised Mr. Records.

A very delightful and jolly party occurred at the home of J. W. Records Saturday night. Mr. Records was surprised by a number of his friends who formed a "tacky party" and called on him at a late hour. Luncheon was served by the ladies and several hours were devoted to dancing.